

January 4, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 4, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kalk and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of December 14, 20, 2016 be approved.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-16-774
Andrew John Jossund
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Andrew John Jossund, Perley, Minnesota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-743
Northern States Power Company
150 MW Border Winds Project –
Rolette County, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission rescind its July 20, 2016 Motion issuing an application fee refund in the amount of \$170,175.41 in Northern States Power Company, 150 MW Border Winds Project – Rolette County, ND, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-13-743.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-624
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2017)
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$8,949.28 in Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-16-624.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-658
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
(2017)
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,863.73 in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-16-658.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-666
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU
2016 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with GDS Associates, Inc. for consulting services in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 2016 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-16-666.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-671
Antelope Hills Wind Pjct /
West Branch Wind Pjct
Transfer of Siting Certificates and
Permit
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$25,000 in Antelope Hills Wind Project, LLC /West Branch Wind Project, LLC, Transfer of Siting Certificates and Permit, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-671.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-769
Total Call Mobile, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Cancellation / Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Comment in Total Call Mobile, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier, Cancellation / Application, Case No. PU-16-769.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-16-773
East Central Grain Marketing, Inc.
Roving Grain Buyer - Minnetonka, MN
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt an order in Case No. GE-16-773 granting the request of East Central Grain Marketing, Inc. of Minnetonka, Minnesota, to operate as a roving grain buyer in North Dakota.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GS-14-216
Plote Construction ND, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Plote Construction ND, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. GS-14-216.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-15-699
Continental Resources Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Continental Resources Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-15-699.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-400
Big Horn Underground, LLC
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order and Notice on Default in Public Service Commission, Big Horn Underground, LLC, Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-16-400.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-644
Northern States Power Company
230 kV Transmission Line –
Ward & McHenry Counties
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kalk: I move the Commission adopt the Order
issuing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Number 5899 in Northern States Power Company, 230
kV Transmission Line – Ward & McHenry Counties,
Public Convenience and Necessity, Case No. PU-16-644.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Salary Adjustment

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission grant a
salary increase for Position No. 28866 effective January
1, 2017, as specified in the memorandum dated January
3, 2017.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2017-2019 Indirect Cost Rate

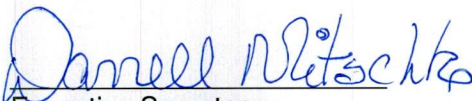
Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission
acknowledge and submit the 2017 – 2019 proposed
indirect cost rate to the U.S. Department of Interior for
review. The Commission further authorizes the
Executive Secretary to sign the proposed indirect cost
rate agreement and, with the assistance of the
Accounting/Budget Specialist III, negotiate the indirect
cost rate proposal to determine a final rate.

Mr. Kalk: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:06 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN